

LUCKNOW BELL

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Students and staff at Lucknow Primary School acknowledge the Gunai Kurnai people of the Brabuwooloong land in which our school stands. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



SCHOOL CALENDAR –Term 3 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AUGUST 11	12	13	14	15
- District Athletics	- ICAS (English)	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - JSC Pyjama Day	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am	- Walk to School 8am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Assembly 2:40pm - Book Week Dress Up Day – Parade at 9:00am
18	19	20	21	22
- ICAS (Science & Spelling Bee)	- Gr 6 Camp	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - Gr 6 Camp	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Gr 6 Camp - Come & Play Prep 2026 Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm	- Walk to School 8am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Gr 6 Camp
25	26	27	28	29
- ICAS (Mathematics) - Parent/Teacher Interviews		- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 - 11:00am - Parent/Teacher Interviews	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Come & Play Prep 2026 Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm	- Walk to School 8am
SEPTEMBER 1	2	3	4	5
- Grade 5 Camp	- Grade 5 Camp	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Play2Learn Playgroup 9:15 -11:00am - Grade 5 Camp - Grade 2 Theatre Excursion 12:30pm	- Breakfast Club 8:15am – 8:30am - Grade 5 Camp - Come & Play Prep 2026 Afternoon 3:30-4:30pm	- Walk to School 8am - Run Stars 8:15-8:45am - Father's Day Stall

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you!

I want to sincerely thank staff and students for the extraordinary lengths they went to make us feel loved and appreciated on Principal's Day last Friday – you are all superstars!

2026

We have been welcoming a lot of school tours through the office at the moment, with people getting organised for 2026.

Our 'Come and Play' sessions are coming up in the Prep rooms. These are a great way to help children meet staff, make new friends, and familiarise themselves with the Prep learning spaces. Our first session is next week, Thursday, August 21st from 3.30pm–4.30pm.

Parent/Carer Opinion Survey

WANT A CHANCE TO WIN A \$100 LUCKE'S VOUCHER?

Last year we introduced a raffle as an incentive for families to complete the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey, and our response rate increased from 18 in 2023 to 134 in 2024! That's enormous, and I think we can beat that this year!

We are again offering a raffle entry for your feedback! The prizes on offer are:

- 1 x \$100 David Lucke's Voucher
- 2 x \$40 David Lucke's Vouchers
- 2 x \$20 David Lucke's Vouchers

All you have to do is return your sealed envelope with your completed survey to the office on or before Friday, 22nd August.

A hard copy of the Parent/Carer Opinion Survey will come home with your child TODAY! Please complete the survey, seal the envelope, and return it to the office. Your envelope is addressed to your family, and you will receive a raffle entry for your thoughts once office staff receive your envelope. The raffle will be drawn live at assembly on Friday, 5th September.

School Values

At LPS our school values are 'Respect', 'Inclusiveness' and 'Resilience'. We are continuing to highlight and explore our values with a specific focus value – where students learn about demonstrating the behaviours and attitudes attributed to this value. This week's focus value is INCLUSIVENESS:

- We will welcome and accept all those involved in our school community.
- We will support others in their time of need.
- We will include others in our learning, work and play, and value people's differences.

Student Learning

Our current whole school Writing Trait focus is 'Ideas'. The ideas are the main message, the content of the piece, the main theme, together with all the supporting details that enrich and develop that theme. This fortnight, I am setting the challenge for students to use the idea of 'MY FAVOURITE BOOK' to develop a piece in line with all of our Book Week celebrations. Remember, you can write in any genre: poetry, a narrative featuring your special person, a vivid description, even an interview with your special person... anything you like! Let's get creative... I can't wait to read your ideas and will be sharing them in the next newsletter – get writing, kiddos!

Happy learning everyone!

Carly Miller – Principal



HEALTH AND WELLBEING AT LUCKNOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Lucknow Primary School has a comprehensive Health and Wellbeing program that is implemented in every grade for at least one hour per week throughout the year. Our focus is on developing healthy, respectful, happy and resilient kids.

The program has been developed to include concepts such as our school values of; Respect; Inclusiveness and Resilience, as well as social skills. It also covers components that are mandated by government legislation including gender-based violence and sexuality education. The main resources used throughout the program are provided by the Department of Education –Rights, Responsibilities and Respectful Relationships, Catching on Early, and EveryBODY Education.

During Term 3 all year levels will be completing the sexuality education component and Unit 7 of Rights, Responsibilities and Respectful Relationships which is Gender and Identity.

An emphasis for our younger students is to begin with describing emotions, celebrating personal strengths and using the correct names for body parts. Parents can support this at home by also using and encouraging children to use correct language.

Research shows that education programs that work on building positive gender relationships must commence from an early age, as children are well aware of gender norms and make efforts to fit within gendered expectations by the time they are in kindergarten.

As young children absorb gendered expectations, they can acquire and exhibit stereotypical, prejudiced and often negative attitudes toward those that they perceive as 'others'. They may for example insist that some games are for boys and others for girls, and actively reject peers from certain games. Classroom activities can be used to help children to explore gender identity, challenge stereotypes, and value and show respect for diversity and difference.

In partnership with our families at Lucknow PS, we plan to promote and model respect and equality – and to teach our children how to build healthy relationships, resilience and confidence.

We know that changes in attitudes and behaviours can be achieved when positive attitudes, behaviours and gender equality are lived across the school community, and when classroom learning is reinforced by what is modelled in our school community.

Each year level team will send out further information as required to elaborate on what is in the program for their level. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to your child's teacher or one of the principal team.

Thank you for your support.

Warren Fyfe - Assistant Principal

For more information on aspects of our Health and Wellbeing program please see the following resources:

Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/respectfulrelationships.aspx>

Catching on Early

<http://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/Resource/ByPin?Pin=X25PYT&SearchScope=All>

EveryBODY Education

<https://shvic.org.au/education-resources>

NAPLAN Results – Year 3 and Year 5

NAPLAN results will be sent home with all Year 3 and Year 5 students today.

While NAPLAN provides useful information about how students performed in literacy and numeracy on the test days, it is important to remember that it is just one snapshot in time. At school, we use a wide range of assessments, observations, and classroom work samples throughout the year to form a comprehensive picture of each student's progress and achievement.

If you have any questions about your child's NAPLAN results or overall learning progress, please contact their classroom teacher.

Warren Fyfe - Assistant Principal

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please remember to label your school uniform.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/ Teacher conferences will be open very soon for bookings on uEducateUs. Conferences will take place on Monday 25th and Wednesday 27th of August from 3:40 – 5:40pm. Parents are encouraged to book a time to see both your child's teacher and specialist teachers. This is a great opportunity to chat with teachers and see how your child is going both socially and academically. If you are experiencing difficulties with the app, please contact our friendly office staff for support.

Emily Forbes – Assistant Principal

PRINCIPALS DAY

A Huge Thank You for Principals Day!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing students and staff for the incredible effort that went into celebrating Principals Day. We truly felt loved, appreciated, and special from start to finish. From the colourful footsteps with personal messages scattered all over the school, to the delicious morning tea, thoughtful gifts, and then the big surprise at assembly - every detail was perfect!

To be up on stage and see over 500 cut-out faces staring back at us was a moment we'll never forget (How the kids kept that a surprise we will never know!!)!

Although the video didn't want to cooperate at assembly, we have since watched it, and it absolutely warmed our hearts. The heartfelt messages from both students and staff brought so many smiles to our faces, and reminded us of just how lucky we are to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Thank you for making us feel so valued - your kindness and thoughtfulness means the world to us!



MUSIC NEWS

Selected young musicians from Lucknow Primary performed in a Gala Concert on Thursday 3rd July. The concert was a showcase of the East Gippsland Schools Music Festival, four days of music making bringing local music students together in five ensembles.

Tuesday 1st June the Junior Band musicians of Lucknow Primary joined young musicians from Orbost to Maffra. Cara on flute, Briar on saxophone and Camilla on trumpet. From 10am to 2pm their brains were fully engaged. Sitting quietly until directed to play by their conductor they had to count bars of rest, then come in with the correct note at a particular dynamic level. The students were all congratulated by staff in attendance as they respectfully listened while other instruments played their sections.

Briar and Camilla have only been learning since February and their teacher Lynette Newman was incredibly proud of them. Cara has more experience and was able to lead less experienced players around her.

The students had a great time, met new friends and saw others from Lucknow Primary who have gone on to secondary schooling in the district.

Briar: "Before the concert it was pretty nerve-wracking, knowing how many people were going to watch you. Overall, the experience was fine. During the concert I found it very hard to keep up with the other players, but the overall sound was wonderful."

Camilla: "It was so exciting because I've never played in a band before. I only started this year so it was amazing to play with kids who have been doing it for ages. The three songs we played sounded amazing with so many more instruments."

Cara: "It was really fun to play in a big band, because when we all played together it sounded really great. I met some new people and it was good to perform for an audience - they love the Junior Band."



I was very proud of all the Lucknow students both current and past that took part in this festival.

Lynette Newman – Band Instructor

Class	Student
PAS	<i>Max for the amazing progress he is making with his reading! He is using strategies to support him and is zooming along! Keep it up, Max!</i>
PEM	<i>Zoey and Evie, you've both been so reliable and kind in PEM. You always tidy up the classroom — even when it wasn't your mess! Thank you for being such wonderful role models.</i>
PMB	<i>Harvey we're so pleased to see the positive changes you are making in the classroom. You've been working so hard on your learning and we're so proud of you! Thanks for being such a great helper too! Keep up the fantastic work.</i>
PVG	<i>Lylah and Madison for some great maths thinking in our reasoning activities and sharing their thinking with the class.</i>
1CW	<i>Kaeden, Well done for persevering with your writing! It's fantastic to see you using your 'green brain' to stay positive and focussed. You've done a great job getting your ideas down on paper — keep it up!</i>
1ES	<i>CJ for working hard on your reading and writing. You have made great progress and should be proud of the effort you are putting in. Keep trying your hardest!</i> <i>Chelsea for the effort you have been putting into your poems, using strong descriptive words that make them engaging and enjoyable to read. Keep it up!</i>
1MW	<i>Kai for having a fantastic start to Term 3! You have been a superstar learner by joining in class discussions, making connections and showing great learning behaviours. Keep it up!</i> <i>Kyah for being such a kind and considerate member of our grade. We are so lucky to have you, Kyah!</i>
12D	<i>Lucas D and Archie C for trying their very best in all areas of their learning and for continuing to persevere even if they get stuck. Keep up the amazing work!</i>
2JS	<i>Kobi for the incredible effort that he puts into all areas of his learning. You are an outstanding role model to your peers and should be very proud of yourself. Keep it up!</i>
2MP	<i>Leo for being inclusive. You've been spotted helping others to join in games and activities many times. Keep being super kind and caring Leo!</i> <i>Nash for jumping into the Learning Pit and working out strategies for getting out, especially in Maths. Awesome mindset Nash!</i>
2NT	<i>Alex, your enthusiasm towards Writing has been infectious. You have worked hard to uplevel and take on feedback. Well done Alex, keep up the passion!</i>
3AG	<i>Alexis for your thinking you shared while reading The Land Recalls You. Your thoughtful contributions showed deep insightful thinking. Well done!</i>
3CT	<i>Elsie and Lauren for showing a positive approach in Mathematics by thoughtfully working through a time duration problem. You showed that you had thought carefully about the estimation of time for each part of your number line, including a start and finish time.</i>

	<i>Your persistence—shows real mathematical thinking. Congratulations on embracing challenge and growing your mindset!</i>
34B	<i>Emilia and Ivy, you have both applied yourselves wonderfully in your poetry writing. The creativity, effort, and attention to detail you've shown have brought your ideas to life, making your poems engaging and enjoyable to read. Well done!</i>
34M	<i>Maddie, your writing piece 'Candy Beach' was an outstanding piece of writing. You worked hard to edit it to make it better and better, and the final piece was spectacular. What a great writer you are!</i>
34R	<i>Will B for always showing our school values and pushing himself outside of his comfort zone! Great job Will!</i>
4JW	<i>Nathan and Amara for their hard work and determination to write interesting and purposeful poetry.</i>
45W	<i>Ivy for her amazing insights when making inferences during Reading! Well done Ivy!</i>
5CM	<i>Maddey for demonstrating improvement in her understanding in money of calculating change over the course of our 'Shoppers and buyers project'. Phoebe for retaining her knowledge of decimal place value to add decimal numbers involving hundredths and for her improved mindset in Maths.</i>
5DC	<i>Blake for all the hard work you have put into developing your Math skills, the growth you have made is amazing! You should be so proud of yourself.</i>
56I	<i>Ayden for making better choices in both the classroom and yard. Keep it up!</i>
6CM	<i>Hayden for being an all round awesome member of 6CM: hard working and kinder than necessary!</i>
6LS	<i>Kira for the well-researched and persuasive presentation about getting a Ga-Ga Ball Pit at school. Willow for the entertaining and well-worded persuasive piece you created about going to World Jamboree 2027.</i>
6SF	<i>Riley, whether it's helping tidying up the classroom, or if there is a job that needs to be done, Riley is always happy to lend a hand. Thank you Riley!</i>
Principal's Award	<i>Iyah of 2JS, I noticed the way you offered kindness and support to a classmate who was feeling overwhelmed. Your gentle nature and genuine compassion melted my heart. You're such a beautiful soul – thank you, Iyah!</i>



BOOK WEEK

Dress UP Day

Friday August 15th, 2025

Open a book and you will find,
Characters and settings of every kind!



Open a book and you can be,
Anything you dream or see!

Open a book and you can share,
The wondrous words you find in there!



This year, Lucknow will be celebrating
Book Week on Friday August 15th with a
Whole School Book Parade!

We encourage all students and staff to
dress as their favourite book character
and bring along the book on this day.

We can't wait to see all the amazing
characters!



FATHERS DAY COMPETITION 2025

**Draw a picture of you and your dad or grandad
or write a poem and tell us why he is the best
for your chance to win him a great prize.**

*To enter, send your entries with your name, age, phone
number, and the name of your father or grandfather to:*

Father's Day Competition



Email: competitions@jamesyeates.com.au or drop
into our office at 65 Macleod St, Bairnsdale 3875
Entries Close 5pm Friday, 29th August 2025



Terms & Conditions:

*The winner will be contacted by phone and published
the Papers on the 3rd September 2025
All entries published in our Fathers Day feature for 2025*